

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are pending in this application. Claims 1-19 stand rejected. By this Amendment, claims 1, 7, 13, and 15 have been amended. The amendments made to the claims do not alter the scope of these claims, nor have these amendments been made to define over the prior art. Rather, the amendments to the claims have been made to improve the form thereof. In light of the amendments and remarks set forth below, Applicant respectfully submits that each of the pending claims is in immediate condition for allowance.

Claims 1-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,697,945 ("Ishiguro"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Applicant notes that each of the claims recite that the encrypted contents data and selection information are transmitted through a plurality of signal routes from a contents data transmitter to a contents data receiver.

In contrast, in Ishiguro, there is only a single IEEE 1394 serial bus shown as item 11 in Figures 1-3 and disclosed at column 4, lines 37-43 and 51-53. Thus, Ishiguro fails to disclose the explicitly recited plurality of signal routes. Thus, the claims are allowable over Ishiguro.

Another limitation of the independent claims not present in the cited reference is a key information selection part which generates a plurality of key information for encryption and selects a key information among a plurality of the key information.

As disclosed in the specification, the data transmitter 20 includes a contents reproduction part 21, a contents encryption part 22, a key information generation part 23 and a transmitter ID authentication part 24 as well as transmitter transmission reception part 25 and transmitter control part 26. In particular, the contents encryption part 22 uses key information generated by the key information generation part 23 to encrypt the contents data reproduced by the content reproduction part 21. The key information

generation part 23 generates the key information for encrypting the contents data and outputs it to the contents of encryption part 22.

The Office Action asserts that this explicitly recited limitation is disclosed at column 12, lines 64 - column 13, line 3. Applicant respectfully disagrees. The DVD player 1 includes a plurality of service keys stored in EPROM unit 27. These are used for generating a license key. However, the license keys are not the generated plurality of key information recited in the claim. Thus, the claims are not anticipated by Ishiguru.

Applicant has responded to all of the rejections and objections recited in the Office Action. Reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance for all of the pending claims are therefore respectfully requested.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

If the Examiner believes an interview would be of assistance, the Examiner is welcome to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

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